

This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Video of this meeting is available: https://youtu.be/6aeZPZwFm6g

ROLL CALL:

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Submitted by: John Pyers Executive Secretary





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 - Ms. Motew noted that the annual event has remained unchanged for 15 years.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
- 19 Public hearing on the application by 99 Restaurants of Boston LLC, all alcoholic beverages restaurant licensee, for a 'change of officers' for premises at 850 Chelmsford Street.
 - Commission Chair Descoteaux confirmed everything was in order.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
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 - **Event Cancelled.**
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 - Applicant rescheduled to 6/1 meeting.

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 - Mr. Crewe confirmed that this is the second year for this annual event.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Chhan; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
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 - Ms. Cromwell spoke about her event and noted that it is one in a series of events co-sponsored by the City of Lowell.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
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 - Yun-Ju Choi described the annual fundraiser for the CBA. Commissioner Descoteaux confirmed with Captain Peaslee of the Lowell Police Department that this event has been well-run and peaceful in the past.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
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 - Mr. Tsioulis noted that this is the 40th year for the annual Grecian Festival.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
- Application by John Lally for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for the Merrimack Repertory Theatre Annual Gala Celebration on Friday June 9, 2023 from 5 to 10 PM at 50 E. Merrimack St.
 - Mr. Lally explained that the Lowell Management Group was running this event on behalf of the Merrimack Repertory Theatre (that LMG's bartenders would be serving).
 - Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

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Commission Chair Descoteaux asked Captain Peaslee if LPD had any issues with Mill No. 5 events in the past, to which Captain Peaslee said 'no.'

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

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Applicant was not present; no vote was taken.

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Ms. Brackett spoke about her event. Commission Chair Descoteaux asked about her new restaurant location, which has been under construction for a while – and Ms. Brackett said it wouldn't be ready for a while. She confirmed she would have TIPs Certified bartenders and Captain Peaslee confirmed that there have been no issues involving LPD at any of her events.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

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Out of town; rescheduled.

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Lee Viliesis appeared before the Commission. The Commission reviewed the event.

Move approval by Commissioner Chhan; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

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 - Mr. Fitzgibbons appeared before the Commission.
 - Motion to ratify the application by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
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Applicant moved to 6/1 meeting.

- 17 Application by the Mike McNeil Organization, Bob Sisson Coordinator, for a "Pub Crawl License," for the 'Mike McNeil Crawl for a Cure,' to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 5:00 PM to Midnight in Downtown Lowell.
 - Mr. Bob Sisson appeared before the Commission. He noted that this is the 15th year of this fundraising event, although they did not operate the event in Lowell in 2022. Captain Peaslee noted that the Police Department gave the organization high marks for how it ran previous events. Commissioner Krieger asked Mr. Sisson about outside sponsorships for the event, to which Mr. Sisson replied that they do not accept outside support [– all donations and support go to two non-profits. Everything is staffed with volunteers.]
 - Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
- Public hearing on the application by Holy Ghost Society Inc., Elizabeth Candido, proposed license manager, all alcoholic beverages club licensee, for a 'change of manager,' for premises at 65 Village Street.
 - Elizabeth Candido noted that "it's her turn" to be in charge at the Club.
 - Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

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 - Motion to hold hearing at the next meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 5 yeas, APPROVED.
- 22 Review, discussion, and vote on the continuation of alcohol service in temporary outdoor seating and the takeaway/delivery of alcohol by On-Premises licensees.
 - Mr. Pyers reviewed the matter: The Governor of the Commonwealth put forth special legislation (and Act) during the Covid-19 pandemic which expedited the process and reduced the requirements for restaurants to expand their seating onto municipal property and to serve alcohol in that expanded seating *if the municipalities and License Commissions agreed*. The seating and alcohol still need to be approved on an individual basis by the appropriate municipal agencies and the seating must provide appropriate distancing and ventilation to reduce aerosol transmission of pathogens.

Each year since, that Act has been extended by the acting Governor to cover the subsequent season, and each year the City of Lowell City Council and the Lowell License Commission have approved the extension of this temporary seasonal seating and alcohol service.

Commissioner Howe noted that, since the City Council agreed to the extension, she felt comfortable supporting the extension for the seating – and the extension for restaurants to continue to provide takeaway and delivery of alcohol.

Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

Since Ms. Casazza did not arrive late to the meeting, Commissioner Howe recommended that the Secretary place her application for license on the next meeting's agenda for ratification.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Chhan made a motion to adjourn at 18:19, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers Executive Secretary

Commissioner Descoteaux [17:59]

Good evening and welcome to the May 11 meeting of the Lowell License Commission Secretary Pyers was meeting posted?

Secretary Pyers

It was.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Before we get going on the agenda, just want to take a moment to welcome our newest member to License Commission. That's Dennis Mercier. Dennis has been an active member of the Lowell community for many years. And this esteemed board welcomes him with open arms. Alright John, we're all set.

Secretary Pyers

Commission chair Descoteaux.

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Krieger

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Howe

Commissioner Howe

Yeah.

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Chhan?

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Mercier.

Secretary Pyers

Five present. Zeroth is the acceptance of the April 13, 2023 minutes.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger, seconded by Commissioner Howe. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries number one in the agenda please.

Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening. State your name for the record.

Deborah Motew

Deborah Motew,

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you?

Deborah Motew

I am good sir. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Almost done?

Deborah Motew

Almost.

Commissioner Descoteaux

I know another year

Deborah Motew

homestretch.

Commissioner Descoteaux

All right. So same event that you had last year. Any differences in?

Deborah Motew

no. for a decade and a half. It's still the same.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Still the same.

Deborah Motew

It's a great event.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Fantastic. Any questions or comments? for Ms. Motew? Hearing none. Motion on the floor by Commissioner Mercier, seconded by Commissioner Chhan. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion passes. Debbie, you're all set.

Deborah Motew

you're more than welcome to attend

Commissioner Descoteaux

Thank you. Appreciate that. Yeah, this next one

Secretary Pyers

Public hearing on the application by 99 Restaurants of Boston LLC, all alcoholic beverages restaurant licensee, for a 'change of officers' for premises at 850 Chelmsford Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name for the record.

Elizabeth Pisano

Elizabeth Pisano from

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you Elizabeth?

Elizabeth Pisano

Devon. I'm good. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very well, very well. So once again, changing managers over there.

Elizabeth Pisano

Yes.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Secretary Pyers All papers in order.

Secretary Pyers

They are.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Any questions or comments for the applicant? Move approval by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Krieger. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. You're all set.

Elizabeth Pisano

Thank you

Commissioner Descoteaux

That was painless. You liked that? Very efficient here.

Elizabeth Pisano

I didn't even have to say my whole name!

Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name for the record, sir.

Peter Crewe

Good evening Peter Crewe, Cultural Affairs and Special Events, City of Lowell.

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you Peter?

Peter Crewe

I'm well thank you sir

Commissioner Descoteaux

Things are good?

Peter Crewe

Things are good.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good. Is this a new event or

Peter Crewe

This is the second event at this location.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay, great. What are we just look of amplified sound?

Secretary Pyers

Yep.

Peter Crewe

Yes.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Any questions or comments for the applicant? Motion on the floor by Commissioner Chhan, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Peter, you're all set. Thanks so much. All right. Thank you.

Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening. State your name for the record.

Suzanne Cromwell

Hi, yes. Suzanne Cromwell.

Commissioner Descoteaux

How you Suzanne,

Suzanne Cromwell

I'm doing well. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. Thank you. So we are watching a movie.

Suzanne Cromwell

Yes, we are showing an outdoor screening of The Princess Bride and caravan park. And this is part of a series of events that were granted by the Lowell Cultural Council on the mass cultural council and a partnership with LaLa books.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay. How many people you expecting?

Suzanne Cromwell

Oh, I hope a whole lot. But I don't know. I'm thinking maybe 40. Okay, if we're lucky, that's fine. But we're gonna help spread the word. Maybe we'll get more than that

Commissioner Descoteaux

very well. Any questions or comments for Miss Columbo? Move approval by Commissioner Howe seconded by Commissioner Krieger. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Suzanne. Good luck with your event.

Suzanne Cromwell

Thank you so much. You're welcome.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name for the record, please. Good evening.

Yun-Ju Choi

My name is Yun-Ju Choi from Coalition for a Better Acre.

Commissioner Descoteaux

And how are you today?

Yun-Ju Choi

Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. And tell us about your event.

Yun-Ju Choi

So this is our annual fundraiser we actually did, the same event at the same venue last year. It's a way for us to really talk about great programming that we do at CBA and also at the same time raise a little bit of funds.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Captain any worries?

Captain David Peaslee

None at all.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Thank you very much. Any questions or comments for the applicant? Here Hearing no one move ever. Motion to approve by Commissioner Howe seconded by Commissioner Krieger. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? You are all set.

Yun-Ju Choi

Thank you very much.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Wish you the best on event.

Yun-Ju Choi

Thank you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

State your name for the record, sir.

Constantine Tsioulis

My name is Constantine Tsioulis, and this is for the transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Festival, the second, third and fourth again.

Commissioner Descoteaux

How many years now for this?

Constantine Tsioulis

right now? 40 years.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Wow.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. Very good. You always do a good job over there. Very well. Very well run. Questions or comments for the applicant? Hearing none motion by Commissioner Mercier seconded by Commissioner Chhan. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. You're all set, sir.

Constantine Tsioulis

Thank you very much. All right.

Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening state your name for the record.

John Lally

John Lally partner at Lowell Management Group.

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you John?

John Lally

Oh, good. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. And who is going to be dispensing the alcohol?

John Lally

We will at this point on Merrimack Repertory Theater.

Commissioner Descoteaux

You'll deal with the whole thing, right?

John Lally

Yeah.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay. All right. Questions or comments for Mr. Lally. Motion on the floor by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Chhan. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries Mr. Lally, you're all set. Good luck.

John Lally

Thank you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

You're welcome.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

State your name for the record.

Joel Mongeon

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Hey Joel how are you?

Joel Mongeon

I'm well how are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are things going?

Joel Mongeon

Great.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Seeing you a lot. Yes. Very good. Captain any, anything we should be worried about?

Captain David Peaslee

None. They do. They run a good show over there.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good and glad to hear that. Questions or comments for the applicant. Move approval by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Howe, all in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Joel Good luck.

Joel Mongeon

Thank you very much.

Commissioner Descoteaux

All right. Take care.

Secretary Pyers

Application by Ellen Casazza for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for an artist's reception for Rosie and a New World Order on Saturday May 20, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Curation 250, 250 Jackson Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Is the applicant here? It does not appear so Alright, let's put it to the end of the agenda. next.

Secretary Pyers

Application by Alaina Brackett, owner of Purple Carrot Bread Co., for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for an Italian Dinner Night on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 5 to 9PM at Purple Carrot, 107 Merrimack Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening. State your name for the record.

Alaina Brackett

Alaina Brackett.

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you Alaina?

Alaina Brackett

I'm good. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

This is exciting.

Alaina Brackett

Yeah.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good for you. How are things going on Middlesex Street? Getting there?

Alaina Brackett

Slow.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay,

Alaina Brackett

Kind of stopped right now.

Commissioner Descoteaux

We're looking. I'm actually looking forward to that.

Alaina Brackett

Yeah, keep going by and peeking in the window. We're just not there yet.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. All right, so we're gonna have an Italian night and you have a TIPs certified bartender? Yep. And Captain we haven't had any issues at all right

Captain David Peaslee

No issues at all

Commissioner Descoteaux

The wish of the body?

Commissioner Krieger

I have a question

Commissioner Descoteaux

Sure, go right ahead sir.

Commissioner Krieger

Is this Northern Italian or Southern Italian?

Commissioner Descoteaux

just knew that was coming

Alaina Brackett

What do you want it to be?

Commissioner Descoteaux

You just want your license. Motion on the floor by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Chhan All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed motion carries. Alaina Good luck.

Alaina Brackett

Thank you

Commissioner Descoteaux

all right.

Secretary Pyers

Applications by Lee Viliesis, Lowell Festival Foundation, for 4 "Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the 2023 Lowell Folk Festival, July 27 (soundcheck), 28, 29, 30, 2022 at Boarding House Park, St. Anne's churchyard, JFK Plaza & Arcand Drive, & Market Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening state your name for the record.

Lee Viliesis

Lee Viliesis

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you Lee?

Lee Viliesis

Good how are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Well. Almost upon us again, huh? Lowell (Folk) Festival. Wow. All right. Amplified outdoor public that sit on that end. Also for all four venues right. Okay. Any questions or comments for the applicant? Motion the floor by Commissioner Chhan seconded by Commissioner Mercier. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries Lee. We're all set. Take care now.

Secretary Pyers

Ratification of an application by Patrick Fitzgibbons, Aramark, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for a Graduating Senior Banquest on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 8 to 11 PM at University Crossing, 220 Pawtucket Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Don't have to state your name. How's that? We're just going to ratify FYI All right. Motion but motion by Commissioner Howe seconded by Commissioner Krieger All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

Secretary Pyers

Application by Patrick Fitzgibbons, Aramark, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for an Engineering Department Reception on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 1 to 5 PM at the Saab Innovation Center, 40 University Avenue.

Commissioner Descoteaux

And the motion on the floor by Commissioner Chhan is seconded by Commissioner Mercier to ratify this ratification. Oh, it's not. Oh, I apologize. I apologize. Was in green. I thought I thought it was the same ratification apologize. Alright, now you get to say your name Patrick.

Patrick Fitzgibbons

Patrick Fitzgibbons.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good job. Good job. All right. So we're having nice and easy. That's a good one. And seconded by Commissioner Krieger. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Patrick, thanks for coming.

Patrick Fitzgibbons

Thank you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

All right. Be well.

Secretary Pyers

Application by the Mike McNeil Organization, Bob Sisson Coordinator, for a "Pub Crawl License," for the 'Mike McNeil Crawl for a Cure,' to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 5:00 PM to Midnight in Downtown Lowell.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening. State your name for the record.

Bob Sisson

Bob Sisson.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Bob, how are you?

Bob Sisson

Good. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good.

Commissioner Descoteaux

This is what the second, second or third year for the 16th? I'm sorry.

Bob Sisson

15th. Yeah.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Wow. Wow,

Secretary Pyers

They weren't here last year. They were here the year before.

Commissioner Descoteaux

I'm sorry. Captain Peaslee any issues?

Captain David Peaslee

No. Matter of fact, they come highly recommended from the people in our department. They've done a great job.

Commissioner Descoteaux

It's always good to hear any questions or comments for Mr. Sisson?

Commissioner Krieger

QUESTION And sometimes these come with advertising. Is there any outside sponsor participation besides yourself? Organization?

Bob Sisson

Only the bars are sponsored.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay.

Bob Sisson

Yeah. Sometimes it'll give us extra donations to the organization for you know, you know, special recognition from us but other than that, there's no other outside

Commissioner Krieger

move approval

Bob Sisson

we raise money for Mass General as well. So that would be the only thing that would that would possibly be

Commissioner Descoteaux

the police a Lowell Police Department behind you and we have a motion on the floor by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Howe All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Guys, good luck you guys always do a good job. Thank you.

Secretary Pyers

Public hearing on the application by Holy Ghost Society Inc., Elizabeth Candido, proposed license manager, all alcoholic beverages club licensee, for a 'change of manager,' for premises at 65 Village Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening state your name for the record

Elizabeth Candido

Elizabeth Candido

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you Elizabeth?

Elizabeth Candido

I'm well how are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. So why are we changing manager tonight?

Elizabeth Candido

It's typically every year you just yeah we're all volunteers and yep, it's my turn.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. Very good. John, everything in line.

Commissioner Descoteaux

It is.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. Questions or comments for the applicant none hearing motion by Commissioner Howe to approve seconded by Commissioner Chhan All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? The motion carries Elizabeth you're all set. Thank you.

Elizabeth Candido

Thank you.

Secretary Pyers

Request for a hearing on the application to amend an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant license for Takeo LLC [d/b/a] Bonchon Restaurant, 1075 Westford Street. Filed amendments include change of corporate structure, officers, and ownership interest. This is just a request for a hearing.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Let's schedule the public hearing for our next meeting on June 1 Please, all in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Next please.

Secretary Pyers

Request for a hearing for an application by Baba Jagat LLC [d/b/a] Rizzo's Roast Beef and Pizza, Harkirat Singh, proposed license manager, for transfer of an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for premises at 131 East Merrimack Street. It is requested that legal notice be published in local newspaper, and public hearing to be held on June 1, 2023 at 6 PM.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Motion by Commissioner Mercier seconded by Commissioner Chhan to hold a public hearing on June 1, all in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed motion carries. Next on the agenda.

Secretary Pyers

Final item on the agenda is review discussion and vote on the continuation of alcohol service in temporary outdoor seating, and the takeaway delivery of alcohol by on premises licensees. As I'm sure most of you are aware, during COVID, the state made it possible for municipalities to have a little leeway and allow alcohol licensees to expand their outdoor seating into the streets as long as they're bound in a particular way. You know, bordered by jersey barriers and also to expand their

sidewalk seating without going through a full prep a change of premises application. This has been continued for the last three years and this is another continuation through November of this year. Earlier - actually the end of last month the temporary outdoor seating was approved approved by Lowell City Council, and the matter in front of us is continuing the alcohol service to that space.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Commissioner Howe

Commissioner Howe

I moved that we continue the alcohol service to the outdoor space, especially since the City Council approved it. I also move that we continue allowing the restaurants to provide takeaway and delivery of alcohol.

Commissioner Krieger

I second that.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Captain Peaslee, like to chime in?

Captain David Peaslee

The police department has no concerns. There's been no issue since that has been brought in.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very well, sir. motion on the floor by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Krieger. All in favor signify by saving age. Age. Any opposed? Motion passes. I think that's it. Motion Nope.

Commissioner Krieger

The we've passed something.

Secretary Pyers

Ellen Casazza is not here. So here so that's

Commissioner Krieger

what is this lady?

Commissioner Descoteaux

She was already seen your joy.

Commissioner Howe

All right. Okay. So I guess we could put that item on the next agenda for ratification. Yes.

Commissioner Descoteaux [18:19]

Very good. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Chhan. Seconded by Commissioner Mercier All in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Ladies and gentlemen, have a good evening.



John Descoteaux Commission Chair

Cliff Krieger Joseph Donahue Martha Howe Tha Chhan

Commissioners

Michael Q. Geary City Clerk, City of Lowell Lowell, Massachusetts

May 9, 2023

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Massachusetts General Law chapter 30A, sections 18–25, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the License Commission of the City of Lowell is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Members of the public may attend in-person in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852; or join remotely by Zoom: Meeting ID: 829 4444 1188 Passcode: 023723.

John Pyers, Executive Secretary

- O Acceptance of the meeting minutes for April 13, 2023.
- Application by Deborah Motew, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the 'Lowell Community Charter Public School Annual Block Party,' to be held on Friday June 2, 2023 from 2 to 8 PM at 206 Jackson Street.
- 2 Ratification of an application by Chris Porter for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for 'The Town and The City Festival,' to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 2 to 5 PM at Brew'd Awakening, 61 Market Street.
- Ratification of an application by Fr. William Acevedo, St. Patrick's Parish, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense All Alcohol" for Colombian Night on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 7 to 11 PM at St. Patrick's Parish, 282 Suffolk Street.
- 4 Application by Peter Crewe, City of Lowell Director of Cultural Events, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the 'Greater Lowell Pride Festival,' to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from Noon to 4 PM at Kerouac Park, 115 John Street.
- Application by Suzzanne Cromwell, Lowell Film Collaborative, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for a Public Outdoor Screening of "The Princess Bride," to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 8 to 11 PM at Kerouac Park, 115 John Street.
- Application by Yun-Ju Choi, Director, Coalition for a Better Acre, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense all alcoholic beverages," and a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the '6 Degrees of the Acre Fundraiser.' Event to be held on Thursday June 29th, 2023 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in St. Patrick's Church, 282 Suffolk Street.

Public Notice Continued

- Application by Constantine Tsioulis for 3 "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" and for 3 "Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" permits for the Grecian Festival. Event to be held June 2, 3, 4, 2023 from 12 to 9 PM at the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 25 Fr. Sarantos Way.
- Application by John Lally for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for the Merrimack Repertory Theatre Annual Gala Celebration on Friday June 9, 2023 from 5 to 10 PM at 50 E. Merrimack St.
- 9 Applications by Joel Mongeon for three "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for events that will be held at Mill No. 5, 250 Jackson Street:
 - Saturday, May 20, 2023, 6-11:30 PM: Concert.
 - Sunday, June 11, 2023, 3-9 PM: Social Event.
 - Saturday, June 24, 2023, 6-11:30 PM: Concert.
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- Applications by Sarah Atherton for 3 "Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" permits, for the 2023 Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race on Saturday September 16, 2023 at Sampas Pavilion, Lot A off Hall Street, and Market Street at Palmer Street.
- Applications by Lee Viliesis, Lowell Festival Foundation, for 4 "Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the 2023 Lowell Folk Festival, July 27 (soundcheck), 28, 29, 30, 2022 at Boarding House Park, St. Anne's churchyard, JFK Plaza & Arcand Drive, & Market Street.
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- Application by Jeff Venuti of Blisspoint LLC [d/b/a] Blisspoint Meadery, a Farmer Winery, for License to sell at the Farmer's Market at Mill No. 5 on Sundays from June 4, 2023 to December 31, 2023 from 10AM to 1PM, 250 Jackson Street.
- Application by the Mike McNeil Organization, Bob Sisson Coordinator, for a "Pub Crawl License," for the 'Mike McNeil Crawl for a Cure,' to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 5:00 PM to Midnight in Downtown Lowell.

Public Notice Continued

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Adjournment.

